

Kleinert's awards college scholarships

We are pleased to announce the students selected by the Kleinert's Scholarship Fund Committee to receive college scholarships. The Scholarship Committee is composed of independent appointees and educational professionals.

The student recipients are as follows:

Amy Reeves of Kinston High School.

Jeannie Scott of the Alabama School of Math and Science in Mobile.

Joey Arnold of Zion Chapel High School.

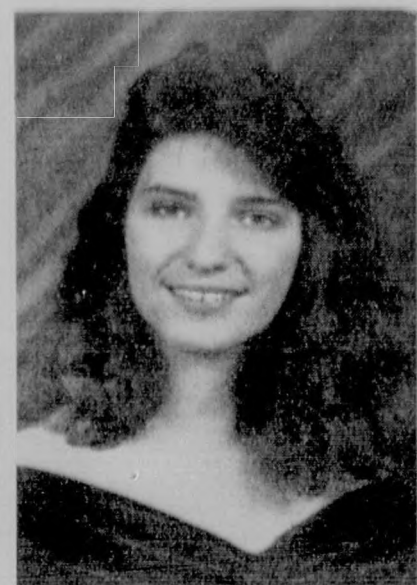
Margaret Froiseth of Enterprise High School.

Melinda Tyson of Elba High School.

Each of these students are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 per year for tuition and other costs directly related to the pursuit of a four year degree at any accredited college or university.



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Jeremie Bryan to exhibit cattle at 1995 Eastern Regional Jr. Angus Show

Jeremie Bryan, Elba, Alabama, will exhibit Angus cattle at the 1995 Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show in Timonium, Maryland, June 16-18, reports Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Jeremie, a junior member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri, is one of 196 young Angus breeders who have entered a total of 425 head to compete for championship honors being awarded.

The Eastern Regional Junior Angus Show is sponsored by the American Angus Association. It is one of five junior Angus shows sanctioned by the national organization each year for its 8,000 active junior Angus members in the United States.

Southern Union announces President's & Dean's List

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Southern Union State Community College recently announced the President's and Dean's lists for all campuses for Spring Quarter 1995. Requirements for the President's List are a quarterly grade point average of 4.0 and completion of a minimum quarter course load of 12 quarter credit hours of college-level work. Dean's List requirements are a quarterly grade point average of 3.5 or above but below 4.0 and completion of a minimum quarterly course load of 12 quarter credit hours of college-level work. Cory H. Driggers of Elba, AL, was named to the Dean's List.

MacArthur Summer quarter registration to be through June 20

Registration for summer classes at MacArthur State Technical College will continue through June 20. Call 493-3373 for more information about programs, financial aid, or student services.

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1st Calvary Division Reunion planned

"Boots and saddles" bugle calls are sounding around the country for all veterans of the 1st Cavalry Division to mount up and head for assembly in Killeen, Texas, on August 9.

The Central Texas city, just outside Ft. Hood, is the site of the 48th Annual Reunion of the 1st Cavalry Division Association.

Cavalrymen who rode the trails of West Texas in the 1920s and 30s will swap stories with young troopers who charged across the Iraqi desert in their M-1 Abrams tanks in the 1990s. Cav troopers who endured harsh winters during the Korean War will compare hardships with veterans who served in the steaming jungles of Vietnam. And World War II cavalrymen who island hopped across the Pacific will compare armor technology with today's 1st Cavalry troopers.

Soldiers who have served throughout the years with the 1st Cavalry Division have a saying - "Once Cav, always Cav". The attendance at the annual reunions gives credence to this saying with veterans from the long past horse cavalry right up to veterans of the Gulf War traveling miles to share a few days with old buddies who were never forgotten.

The 48th Annual Reunion will end on Sunday morning, August 13, with the bugle sound of taps as fallen troopers of the First Team are remembered and honored.

For more information or to register for attendance, veterans may contact the Association Headquarters at 302 N. Main, Coppas Cove, TX 76522-1799 or call (817) 547-6537.



4-H AWARDS. Recently, awards were given out to the students at Elba who placed in a county contest or record book competition. They were: Chad Barbaree, photography; Jonathan Head, photography; Elizabeth Farris, dairy poster and club record; Melissa Mullar, dairy poster, poster art, club record, and county record book; Clay Suttley, peanut essay; Brandon Salter, bicycle rodeo; Brittany Daniels, club record; Wesley Kelley, club record and county record book; Alan Head, club record; Christopher Sasser, club record; Austin Booth, club record; Stephanie Sasser, club record; Kerri Lawford, club record; Cammie Kelley, club record. Not pictured is Shannon Winters, photography.



4-H SWIM PARTY. 4-H'ers from throughout the county were invited to an end-of-the-year pool party. To receive an invitation the youth had to have participated in two or more 4-H activities during the year. Nearly 100 4-H'ers attended.

Job program aids needy youth

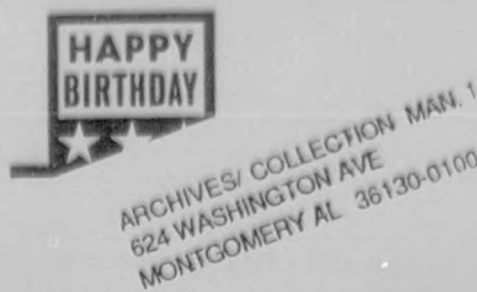
The Alabama State Employment Service will operate the 1995 Summer Youth Employment Training Program (SYETP) for economically disadvantaged youth with funding provided by the Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

According to Reda Bruce, Program Coordinator, the purpose of SYETP is to encourage school completion, provide eligible youth with exposure to the world of work and to enhance the citizenship skills of local youth.

Applications are now being taken in Coffee County and Geneva County. The jobs will range from maintenance work to clerical positions. Applications are now available at the Alabama State Employment Service located in Enterprise.

The jobs will be for a seven week period beginning June 12, 1995 and ending July 28. Youth will work 30 hours per week earning \$4.25 per hour.

Applications will be screened by the Summer Youth Office of the Alabama State Employment Service which is located at 2021 Boll Weevil Circle, Enterprise, Alabama. All interested youth are encouraged to apply.



Happy Fourth of July!

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COUNCIL DISCUSSES POSSIBLE INCREASE IN DOG POUND FEES

Elba business license to increase by \$4.50

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council held a very short meeting Monday evening without Mayor Ricky Haywood.

It was announced that the mayor was out of town due to illness in his family.

The 20 minute meeting, with Mayor pro temp Bill Brunson presiding, took care of the basic matters but didn't "break any new ground."

The council did formally introduce an ordinance which will increase the issuance fee for business licenses from \$0.50 to \$5.00 each. This was authorized last year by the Alabama legislature and discussed

briefly a previous council meeting. The ordinance is now in line to be approved at the first in July.

A discussion on increasing the dog pound fees revealed that council members were not sure of the requirements in the present dog license ordinance. It was agreed each member would be provided with a copy of the ordinance prior to the next meeting.

The recommendation by City Clerk Henry Clark is that the present \$5 cost for the first pick-up of a loose dog be increased to \$25. Additional pick-ups will increase in \$25 increments. This is in addition to the \$2.00 feeding charge and the cost of any required shots.

Police Chief Max Hooks reported

the police had responded to 37 complaints, issued 37 traffic citations, including two for Boom Box violations. They made 18 criminal arrests and investigated three automobile accidents.

During this same period, 15 dogs were picked up by the animal control officer. None were returned to their owner.

Hooks reported he was holding meetings with area ministers to discuss community problems and ways to solve them. He said the group met on June 21st and would meet again on June 28th.

Clark reported the City of Elba's bill for Workman's Comp insurance was down this year by \$24,000. In 1993 the cost was \$78,000 and this year is \$54,528. He predicted lower cost next year if the present trend continues.

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paper stands from some of the businesses in Elba.

The two juveniles were charged in these removals. One 11th youth was charged with two counts of theft of property in the first degree. This is a class B felony. He is also charged with one count of theft of property in the second degree, a class C felony.

The second youth was charged in connection with only one of the offenses and he is charged with one count of theft of property in the first degree.

LEAVING THE SCENE

In the same news release, police report a local juvenile has been charged in connection with an accident which occurred in Elba on May 5, 1995, at the intersection of Reese Ave. and Hickman Ave.

Police report the accident occurred between a motorcycle and a vehicle and that the person driving the vehicle (now believed to be a juvenile) left the scene of the accident.

The juvenile has been charged with a felony for leaving the scene of an accident in which a person was injured.



DOG POUND GETS MEDIA INSPECTION. The Elba Dog Pound has recently been the object of controversy. A couple of weeks ago a news team from WTVY-TV (Channel 4), acting on a tip, made a surprise visit to the pound. Several problems were highlighted on the nightly news that caused quite a stir within the local community. On Tuesday, Jennifer Love, along with her camera man returned to the Elba Dog Pound and found that things had changed drastically - FOR THE BETTER! Pictured above is Jennifer Love, interview with Love is Sam Andrews (left), Elba's Animal Control Officer; and City Clerk Henry Clark. The dog pound now has automatic water dispensers and feeders, dog houses, and yes, even a fire plug at the right side of the picture. The cost of the improvements was approximately \$3,000.00. Clark also noted that the pound will now be readily accessible to the public and those missing their pet.

COMMISSION TO DECIDE WHICH ROADS TO RESURFACE

Juvenile Probation Officers' pay to continue

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

In Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission, the county's three juvenile probation officers (JPOs) got a reprieve.

During the last meeting, commissioners voted to stop paying the

state's portion of the juvenile officers' salary. This action was to become effective on July 1st.

The county has not received any funds from the state, Department of Youth Services, since February; however, the county has been paying the three JPOs' salaries in full since that time.

Commissioners took the action in hopes that it would "put pressure" on the state legislature to provide funding to the DYS to supplement the JPOs' salaries.

All three juvenile officers were in attendance at Monday's commission meeting. Eva McGraft, speaking on behalf of the JPOs, told commissioners that they would continue to do their jobs in hopes that the legislature would provide the necessary funding in the very near future.

McGrath told commissioners, "We plan to stay right where we are regardless of what happens with the salary situation."

District Judge Steve Blair addressed the commission concerning the JPOs' salaries.

Blair told commissioners that, while he understood their action, he was concerned about the youth of the county and the future status of these officers.

He voiced hope that they, the commissioners, would review their action by checking the status of a

supplemental appropriation bill now before the state legislature.

Judge Blair had asked the county's representatives in the state legislature, Representative Garrett Moore and Senator Dwight Adams, to come and address the commission on this matter. Only Moore was in attendance at Monday's meeting.

Moore recommended that the commissioners reverse their decision to stop payment and to continue as they had been doing - paying the full amount of the JPOs' salaries.

He reasoned that although the state pays half the officers' salaries, they are looking out for local youngsters only.

Moore first told commissioners that the bill was before the Governor of Alabama for his signature; however, when he was quizzed about the specifics of the bill, he excused himself to call and check on that matter and found out differently.

After making his call, Moore informed members of the commission that the bill had not been passed, but was presently being reviewed by a committee of the legislature.

The bill provides for \$1.9 million being added to the DYS budget for the present fiscal year. This amount will only cover 62 percent of the total amount of money needed to fund the salaries of the juvenile officers as stipulated by state law. That means

that the state's portion of the salaries would be funded through July.

County Administrator quickly estimated that this would mean the county would have to pay approximately \$11,000.00 to ensure the officers received their full pay.

Moore told commissioners, "I guess the million dollar question is: 'Are the youth of Coffee County worth \$11,000.00?'"

Commissioner Wendell Black's quick response to Moore's comment was that the state legislators need to ask themselves the same question! He noted that the county has been meeting its requirements, as specified by state law, while the state has not.

Commissioner Bill Faulk commented that the money for the salaries has to come from somewhere and the county does not have a magic wand to wave to produce it.

After several minutes of discussion, the commission, in a 6-1 vote, approved funding the total salaries of the JPOs for one more month. The deadline will now be August 1st.

County Engineer Randy Tindell told commissioners that all the county's paved roads had been evaluated and that he was ready to present to them proposals for resurfacing.

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10 additional nursing home beds approved

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba General Hospital/Nursing Home received official notification this week to continue with plans to open the 10 additional nursing home beds.

Five beds will become available immediately. The other five must wait until additional work is done to comply with brand new life safety code requirements, according to hospital authorities (a new door is obsolete, even before going into use).

The plans had been on hold for several months since the Alabama State Health Planning & Development Agency (SHPDA) had frozen all new nursing home construction authorized under a 1994 state law which appeared to authorize the increased beds.

The law allowed a 10% increase in nursing home beds, if a certain annual percentage of occupancy was reached in that nursing home and certain other requirements were met.

The Elba nursing home met the requirements and had completed the necessary paperwork for the additional ten beds. They had already received written approval of their plans to convert ten unused hospital beds which are adjoining the existing nursing home however, the freeze order affected all nursing home construction.

Applications are now being taken in Coffee County and Geneva County. The jobs will range from maintenance work to clerical positions. Applications are now available at the Alabama State Employment Service located in Enterprise.

NOTICE

THE DEADLINE FOR NEWS, SOCIAL NEWS & ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE JULY 6TH EDITION (NEXT WEEK) OF THE ELBA CLIPPER WILL BE MONDAY, JULY 3, AT NOON. THE CLIPPER WILL BE CLOSED TUESDAY, JULY 4TH.

A total of 11 arrests for DUI (driving under the influence) were made during two weekends of roadblocks. Troopers stated that it is very likely these persons would not have been caught by normal patrols.

Reportedly, Rep. Garrett Moore, of Enterprise, is worried that roadblocks may have a negative economic impact on Coffee County.

The Alabama Nursing Home Association, begun court proceedings to get the freeze order lifted after appeals from both houses of the Alabama legislature fell on deaf ears at SHPDA.

In a consent decree issued by Judge Randall Thomas, all "applications in proper form" were allowed to proceed with their plans.

Fifty-four Alabama nursing homes were covered by the consent decree. Negotiations on allowing the others to proceed is ongoing.

The holding of roadblocks in the county by local law enforcement officers continues to cause controversy.

There are those who support the officers in using the roadblocks as a tool to enforce the laws while others object on grounds it hurts the economy.

In recent week, Alabama State Troopers, assisted by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies, area police officers, and game wardens, have held DLCS (driver license checks) on AL Highways 167, 12, 125, 134 and 87.

During these roadblocks, officers have not only checked driver licenses, tags and safety equipment, but they have also been on the "look out" for alcohol and drivers who have been drinking.

A large percentage of those stopped, after being told the reason was not only to check driver licenses, but to catch those drinking and driving, complimented the officers and told them to "keep up the good work."

The law is not clear as to whether or not the beer may or may not be iced down in a cooler while being transported; however, if a person is drinking and driving, it makes no difference, the law is being violated and the person will be arrested and the beer confiscated.

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by Marvin McLwain
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Local government offices to observe July 4th holiday

The City of Elba offices will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 1995, in observance of the Fourth of July holiday. The offices will reopen on Wednesday, July 5, 1995, at 8:00 a.m.

Crews will be on stand-by to answer emergency calls for electric, water, sewer, and street problems. Emergency calls relating to the Elba Police Department at 897-2555.

The garbage collection schedule for next week will be as follows: Monday - will not change; Tuesday - there will be no pickup; Wednesday - will be the Tuesday route; Thursday - will be the Wednesday route; Friday - will be the Thursday route; and Saturday - will be the Friday route.

The Town of New Brockton's offices, city clerk and water department, will be closed on Tuesday in observance of the Fourth of July.

All county and state offices in Coffee County will also be closed on Tuesday for the holiday.

** HAPPENINGS **

CELEBRATION IN THE PARK. The New Brockton Beautification Committee will host a Fourth of July Celebration in the town's park located adjacent to town hall on Saturday, July 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. There will be entertainment, arts and crafts for sale and plenty of food to munch on. For additional information call Diane Speigner @ (334) 894-5210.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY ON THE LAKE. The Opp Jaycees will sponsor a 4th of July Fireworks Display at Lake Frank Jackson located just off U.S. Highway 331 north of Opp. The show is scheduled to begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4th. The state entry fee to the lake will be in effect until 4:00 p.m. at which time the state will begin to waive the fee for everyone entering the park.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION. Ft. Rucker will host an Independence Day Celebration on July 4th at the Center Parade Field on Novosel Street. Festivities will get under way at 2:00 p.m. with food vendors, face painting, balloons, glow-life ropes, pony rides and many other events for the entire family. There will be band concerts, a pageant of flags and a salute to the Union. The celebration will climax with a fireworks display set to begin at 9:00 p.m.

THINK!! WRITE! WORKSHOP. A Think!! Write! Workshop for interested students in grades 2-9 will be held at the Elba Elementary School on July 10 through July 14. Teachers may participate in the workshop also. The workshop will meet Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon. A fee of \$40 will be charged. Registration forms are available for parents and teachers at Elba Elementary School. For additional information call the Elba Elementary School at 897-2814.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Area law enforcement officers, including the sheriff's department, have been conducting a series of "brainstorm" sessions in recent weeks. While they issued a number of tickets for various violations, they have also prompted some questions and a written reaction from the state representative for the county. The questions most people have posed to us personally deal with the charging out-of-county people, who are just passing through, with alcohol violations when their only "crime" is they didn't know that in Coffee County alcohol must be in the trunk, etc., and not within reach of the driver. The reaction from some law officers manning the road blocks is that most people thank them for keeping the roads safe. We have heard no complaints on this fact of the action. However, we can readily see where it could hurt tourist traffic if Coffee County gets the reputation of being a "trap." We have had more than one law officer voice the opinion that when alcohol is being carried improperly in a car passing through Coffee County (and not being consumed), simply suggest the alcohol be moved to the trunk to comply with the Coffee County law. We don't care if they never make any more alcoholic beverages but do like this particular way of using common sense in enforcing the law.

While on the subject, we need to repeat this warning to our readers headed to the beach during the July 4th holiday. Florida Highway Patrol officers will be roaming the roads in what they describe as "wolfpacks." They fully intend to see that residents and visitors have safe highways to travel on during this busy time of year. A wise driver will heed this bit of information. When one of these "wolfpacks" descends upon a particular section of highway, they gonna catch the traffic violators!

It was refreshing to see the U. S. Supreme Court uphold the right of school officials to conduct random drug tests in schools. An Oregon youth and his parents had sued when school officials required a drug test for him to play on the high school basketball team. The case had to go all the way to the supreme court to get it settled. Our attitude on drug testing is that it would be a welcomed opportunity to show the world a "drug free" person. Nor do we understand the opinion of dissenting Justice Sandra O'Connor, who wrote about "intrusive bodily search." This is just peeing in a bottle for gosh sakes! We admire this female member of the U. S. Supreme Court and wonder just what her thinking is to draw such a response.

The trap was sure to get them one day. The people of Aniston have fought off the proposed closing of Ft. McClellan for several years but now it appears their fight is over. The base closing commission officially voted last week to keep the North Alabama chemical defense training facility on the closure list. Of course it is hard for us to understand how they are going to save money moving it to Ft. Leonard Wood, MO because they must first build the facilities to house the school and the chemicals at that base. It is not like they were consolidating two chemical facilities. We should be very thankful that Ft. Rucker was not on the shut down list.

One of the daily papers we read regularly carried a story last week about the future of safety using your credit card in cyber-space. That means buying things you want or need after clicking your computer around on the Internet. What sounded better to us was the print on the outside of envelope we received Tuesday. It boldly proclaimed we should tear up our credit cards! Great idea. Actually it was another letter from another company wanting us to use their credit card and at a lower interest rate for the first few months. We like the idea of paying those things off at the first of the month and paying no interest, so that proposal of 9.9% interest on transferred account balances fell on deaf ears. It is hard enough paying what we charged, without adding huge interest payments!

It is regrettable the U. S. Senate failed to nominate Dr. Henry Foster as U. S. Surgeon General. There is so much politics in such nominations these days, we wonder if it is possible to get any nomination confirmed? The position is a figurehead at best and we fail to understand all the hoopla of did he or didn't he??? Actually, experts say Foster would have been confirmed in a straight up or down vote. But Senate procedure requires a 2/3 majority to stop the stalling tactics of the opponents. This failed by three votes.

We hope you have a happy (and safe) Independence Day holiday!

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of June 20, 1995 through June 26, 1995.

They were: Annise Coleman, Haywood Dubose, Dewey Petty, Jerry Kelley, Grace Burks, Shelley Phillips, Mavis Beckworth, Trudie Jackson, Annie Clark, Beatrice McLean, Sheila Marsh, Lisa Willis, Charles Cole, Madge Ziglar, Lucille Stackhouse, Edna Danley, Danny Keel, Nina Williams, and Susan Sims.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Lottie Clark, Grace Burks, Danny Keel, Madge Ziglar, Charles Cole, Susan Sims, Lisa Willis, Nina Williams, Mavis Beckworth, Edna Danley, Stephen Powell, Gwen Rayborn, Mary Smith, Vassie Ward, Ona Hudson, Lula Cole, R. S. Jones, Sam Sawyer, Annise Gritswood, Michelle Maddox, Emma Lee, Linda Taylor, Haywood Dubose, Annie Coleman, Jerry Kelley, Trudie Jackson, Beatrice McLean, Dewey Petty, and Shelley Phillips.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

JUNE 20 Thru JUNE 26, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, June 20, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one criminal trespass, two criminal trespasses, one reckless endangerment, seven harassment, three assaults, one burglary, one criminal mischief, two unlawful breaking and entering of a vehicle, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, and one defacing of city property (street).

During the week, the following arrests were made: three for theft of property, one for failure to give information and render aid, one for reckless endangerment, one for public intoxication, two for criminal trespass, one for harassment communication, one for failure to appear, two for harassment, and one for VPL.

The following traffic citations were issued: one for driving while driver's license are suspended, one for running a stop sign, four for speeding, one for DUI, one for an improper tag, two for driver's license required, one for no tag, and two for an expired tag.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, JUNE 20 - River stage - 2.90 feet (6:23 a.m.); Fire at Dorsey Trailers (wood shop) (6:49 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 - River stage - 2.88 feet (6:45 a.m.); Rescue run to Dr. Dyess' office (11:36 a.m.); Vehicle burglary at Dorsey Trailers (3:08 p.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (9:10 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 - River stage - 2.85 feet (6:25 a.m.); Wreck on Smith Ave. (7:21 p.m.); Rescue squad dispatched to wreck on Smith Ave. (7:21 p.m.).

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA MINISTERS ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 6:15 p.m. City Hall.
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting).
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton.
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center.
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office.
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building.
MASONIC LODGE #78 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - Basil Room @ Elba High School.
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Stars and Stripes forever

Each year on the Fourth of July Americans take time to celebrate our nation's independence, as well as the courage our forefathers displayed in working to achieve it. And in our celebrations, symbolic reminders of what our country has endured and has come to represent surround us.



The great echo of fireworks throughout our starry sky reminds us of all the battles, from the Revolutionary War to the Persian Gulf, fought to preserve Americans' freedoms and liberties. The serene trumpet playing of the national anthem over loud speakers stirs visions of the men fighting and dying for the American way of life. Even the time we spend with our families and friends over back yard games and apple pie has come to symbolize American brotherhood and tranquility.

But perhaps the most enduring and meaningful symbol of our nation as a whole is the United States flag. Whether it waves from our government buildings and school houses or from the hands of small children, Old Glory signifies the unity of a country created by a diverse people.

Adopted on June 14, 1777 - less than a year after the formal adoption of the Declaration of Independence by the Second Continental Congress - the earliest version of *The Stars and Stripes* reaffirmed our nation's independence. Before this time, soldiers fighting in the Revolutionary War fought under a flag featuring the British flag in the upper left.

Therefore the decision to create a new flag, with no British influence was yet another statement by our forefathers about our nation's intentions and principles of self government and democracy.

Even now, 218 years later, the flag has endured with our country. The 13 stripes representing the original colonies and the 50 stars signifying the states wave just as proudly as they did in the days of our ancestors. Its meaning has been passed down from generation to generation, placing it as one of the most powerful reminders of America's heritage and purpose.

Servicemen and veterans such as myself look at the Stars and Stripes and take pride in the land God gave us to build and protect. Anyone who has lost loved ones to war finds comfort in the flag.

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The Peoples Bank of Coffee County will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th, to allow our employees to join you in observance of the Independence Holiday
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The Peoples Bank
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Band Boosters raising funds to send students to camp at Troy State

The Elba Tiger Band Boosters will be selling things on the square Friday, July 7th from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Saturday July 8th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. If it is raining, the sale will be moved to Legion Field. The proceeds of this sale will be used to help the Elba Marching Band attending band camp at Troy State University.

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AREA DEATHS

LLOYD B. ALLEN

Lloyd B. Allen, age 74, died Monday, June 26, 1995. Funeral services will be held Thursday, June 29, 1995 from Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, Elba, with Rev. C. P. Davis officiating. Burial will follow in the Beaverton Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife Virginia Allen; three daughters, Peggy Howell, Enterprise, AL; Gladia Daniels, Pace, FL; Linda Sue Mahoney, Redwood Falls, MN; two sons, Clark Allen, and Brad Allen, both of Elba; one brother, Glen Allen, Glenwood, AL; three sisters, Violet McAhren, Montgomery, AL; Edsel Campbell, Florence, AL; Daisy Adams, Lapine, AL; nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

ELNORA FERGUSON

Mrs. Elnora Ferguson, age 81, died June 19, 1995 in a Dayton, OH hospital. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 1995 from the Nazareth Baptist Church, Opp, AL with Reverend W. H. Bass, officiating.

Burial followed in the Hardin Street Cemetery, Opp, with Hammonds Funeral Service directing. Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law Mr. Willie L. Patton and Mrs. Emma L. Patton, both of Buffalo, N.Y.; one daughter, Ethel L. Chatfield, of Dayton, Ohio; four grandsons, Dr. Roscoe C. Simmons of Berkeley, CA, Robert Simmons and John Simmons, both of Dayton, OH; Gregory Simmons, Dothan, AL; Howard, and George David, both of Tuscaloosa, AL; ten great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

DR. W. M. RINGSDORF

Dr. W. M. Ringsdorf, age 93, died Thursday, June 22, 1995 in a Birmingham hospital. Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, June 24th, 1995 in Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Reverend Roy Gamblin, officiating.

Hayes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Survivors include two sons, Dr. W. M. Ringsdorf, Jr., of Birmingham, AL and Dr. Ben Ringsdorf, of Mobile, AL; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Dr. Ringsdorf was preceded in death by his wife Mary Ringsdorf and a son, Frazer Ringsdorf. The family had requested that in lieu of floral arrangements, contributions be made to a favorite charity.

MURL LEE ALLEN

Mrs. Murl Lee Allen, age 43, died Thursday, June 22, 1995. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 27, 1995 from the Harris Temple Church of God in Christ, Elba, AL.

Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery with Virgil Coleman Mortuary directing. Survivors include a son, Mr. Effram Tyson and wife Mrs. Bridgette Tyson; three sisters: Ms. Rosa Lee Tyson, Mrs. Martha Ann Waters, Mrs. Martha Sue Tyson, all of Elba; two brothers: Mr. Charlie C. Tyson and Mr. Willie C. Tyson, both of Elba; two brothers-in-law: Mr. Leroy Waters and Mr. John Oscar McKenzie, both of Elba; three sisters-in-law, two grandsons and a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, neighbors and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy (Pop) Allen, who died on August 26, 1981.

Pre-need Funeral Planning now available at Hayes Funeral Home for details 897-2225

We get letters.....

Government Should Get Off The People's Back

I have never been one to talk about the government very much and I don't know about par military groups that the President and the news media have been talking about. But I have to agree with them about one thing, the government should get off the backs of the people. And I know about that because they have been on my back for two years or longer. And I find there is a lot of hate in the government and everyone in the government: national, state and local know what has been going on down here. We have had people all over this country abusing our rights and everyone else. Government is involved in it too. The government is suppose to protect our rights. Instead of protecting our rights, the government joins hands with other organizations (national and local) to abuse our rights. We are not living in Cuba or China. The government needs to get off the people's back. As long as we are law abiding citizens, it's not any of the government's business what the people do. People in the government are elected by the people. And just like we put them in office, we can take them out. /S/ J. R. Parks J. R. Parks Luverne, AL

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Social Notes

Ammons-Moore wedding held June 17th



Mr. & Mrs. David Ammons

Melanie Lynn Moore and David Hunter Ammons were married June 17, 1995 at 4:30 p.m. in The Little Mountain Wedding Chapel in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

Melanie is the daughter of Howard and Linda Moore, of Carrollton, GA and the granddaughter of Maudie Moore and the late Elvin Moore and the late Wilburn and Margaret Peoples, all of Birmingham.

She is a 1989 graduate of Elba High School and a 1993 graduate of Troy State University. She is presently employed with Movie Gallery of Dothan, as a Certified Public Accountant.

David is the son of Donald and Clevis Ammons, of Elba and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Bowden and Eva Pearl Ammons and the late Jack Ammons of Elba.

He is a 1987 graduate of Elba High School and is employed with Civil Service, Ft. Rucker, as a firefighter.

Following the wedding ceremony there was a reception held at the Holiday Inn of Guntersville. Wedding guests in addition to the parents of the couple were Brad, Melissa & Jessica Blume of Panama City, FL; Kerri Moore of Carrollton, GA and L. M. and Mavis Burch of Elba.

Melanie and David are presently residing in Enterprise, AL.

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Jeff Goodsons announce birth of new daughter

Donna and Jeff Goodson of Dothan, AL are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Anna Beth, born Wednesday, June 21st, 1995. She weighed in at 8 lbs 10 ozs. and was 21 1/4" long.

Proud grandparents are Ray and Fay Goodson of Elba and Don & Charlotte Lewis of Dothan.

ESJC Honor Rolls Announced

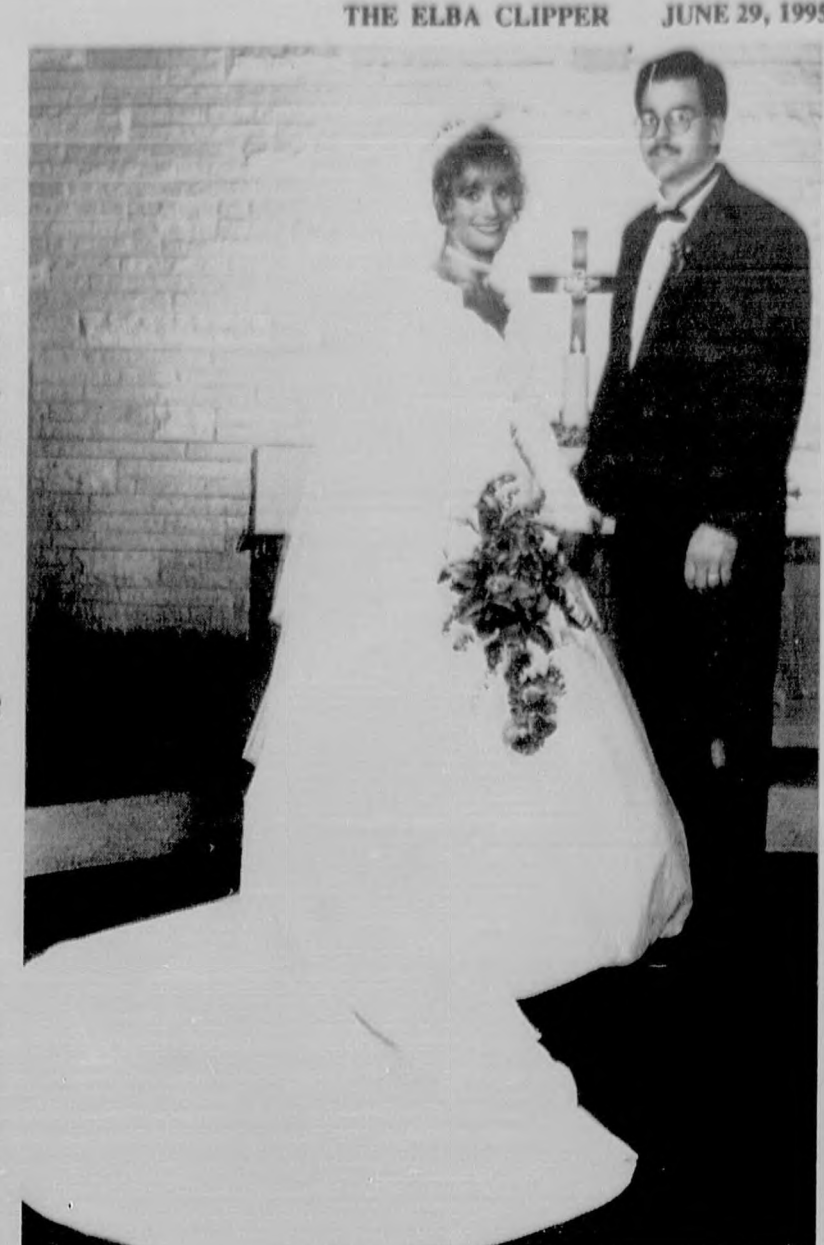
Spring quarter honor rolls for Enterprise State Junior College have been officially announced.

Seventy-six students earned President's List certificates. These students earned this quarterly honor by maintaining a 4.00 grade-point average with a course load of at least 12 hours.

Area students included on this list included: Patrice Adkins, Vicki Deaderick and Carol Etko of New Brockton; Amanda E. Calhoun and Robyn M. Rhoades of Elba and D. L. McCollough of Jacksonville, FL.

The Dean's List, also compiled at the end of every quarter, recognizes full-time students who maintain a minimum of a 3.50 GPA during the quarter. The spring quarter list recognizes 99 students.

Students from this area included on the list include: Susan M. Curran, Dana M. Howell and Tina C. Thomas, from New Brockton; Amy Baker, Adella D. Marler, Elizabeth M. Ray and Ashley P. Savell, all of Elba, and Melanie Motes of Jack.



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Sweet

Sweet-Harley wedding held

Jacqueline Kathleen Harley and Kenneth Allen Sweet, both of Wichita, Kansas, were married at 6:00 p.m., Saturday, February 11, 1995, Sweet of Wichita, Kansas; Shawn in Westwood Presbyterian Church, Wichita, Kansas. The Rev. Wiert Ekhoff officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Kathleen Harley of Wichita, Kansas and Charles and Mary Ann Harley of

Goddard, Kansas; the bridegroom is the son of Bess and Lamar Hall of Elba, Alabama, and Ken and Terry

Orlando and Daytona Beach, Florida, and reside in Wichita.

The newlyweds honeymooned in

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Views from... The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Back during school, the girls had a set time to go to bed and get up, and Melanie always spent the entire night in her bed and was the last one in the house to get up and ready to go. It has been a different story since summer vacation has arrived; however, and for the past two weeks there hasn't been more than one or two nights that we haven't been joined by a six-year-old visitor. Some mornings she'll say she had a nightmare and get scared, while other nights she was either hot or cold, and just wanted to climb in with us under the covers. I really don't mind Melanie sleeping with us every now and then, but if this is going to be a regular summer happening, we'll have to tie her legs together to keep her from kicking us out of our own bed!

BUSY SUMMER OF BALL ENJOYED BY ALL AGES

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation closed out its regular seasons in softball and baseball last week and it was one of the biggest, and busiest summers ever for the city. The softball leagues boasted 15 teams and 3 All-Star teams, which included over 200 players and 30 coaches, while over in baseball there were 27 teams and 6 All-Star teams, which added up to almost 500 players and over 50 coaches. When you add up the total figures, over 700 players and 80 coaches were directly involved in baseball and softball this summer in the various leagues, which has to be some kind of record for a town with just over 4,000 people!

ELBA'S CHE VAUGHAN TO TAKE SKILLS TO TSU

Elba High School standout Che Vaughan made it official last week that he would sign a baseball scholarship with Troy State University. Vaughan has been a three-year starter for the Tigers and in recent years was one of South Alabama's leading home-run hitters, not to mention one of the area's top outfielders. Vaughan joins a long list of Tigers to move on to the junior college and college ranks, and should join in their success.

ELBA'S HAYDEN YOUNG MAKES JUMP TO PRO'S

Elba's Hayden Young made history last week when he became the first Elba graduate in recent history to sign a professional baseball contract. Young, a standout at L.B. Wallace Community College and later at Huntington University, was offered a contract in the Great Lakes League, but opted instead to try out for the Mobile Bay Sharks, of the Texas-Louisiana League, and made the team. He has already started a couple of games for the Bay Sharks and has caught the eye of everyone with his slick glove skills in the infield. There is little doubt, among Elba fans, that his skills will also be noticed by scouts from bigger leagues and that before long Hayden will be moving up the ladder through A and into AA and maybe AAA. If you'd like to see Elba's pro in action, just check out the box scores and make the drive to Mobile. It will be well worth the drive!

SUMMER WEIGHT PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

I stopped by the Elba Tiger weight room one day last week and was surprised to find several players working out in preparation for the upcoming season. Elba High has one of the finest weight rooms of any school in state and its good to see that the players are taking advantage of the facility. Coach David Lowery has the summer program in full swing and it should pay dividends when practice gets underway.

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Sports

In Babe Ruth tournament in Opp 13-year-old All-Stars begin play tonight

The Elba Babe Ruth League's "13-Year-Old All-Stars" will swing into action tonight (Thursday) when they compete in Opp in the Babe Ruth District 8 Baseball Tournament.

The All-Stars will battle the host Opp All-Stars in a 6:30 game, and will play again Friday night at 5:30 if they win their opener, or at 8:00, if they lose their first tournament game.

"I think we've got a very good team," said Coach Bryan Daxels,

"and we are going to Opp with the intention of winning the tournament. I know the competition will be tough, since both Opp and Andalusia always field good teams; however, I believe this year we may have the team to pull off a surprise."

The tournament will be held at the Opp Recreation Park, located behind Opp High School, and admission will be \$2 adults and \$1 students.

Elba selected as host for Dixie Minor tournament

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation has been chosen to host next week's Dixie Minor Sub-District Baseball Tournament, set to begin on July 6, at Legion Field. Elba will be the host for the event, and will be joined by six other teams to compete the seven-team tournament.

Joining Elba in the tournament will be Greenville Nationals, Troy Nationals, Troy Americans, Brundage, Luverne and Highland Home.

Girl's All-Stars have mixed results at ARPA tourneys

The Elba Girl's Softball League All-Stars competed in the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association District 7 Softball Tournaments last weekend and had mixed results. The "10 and Under" All-Stars competed in Dothan and claimed one win before being ousted in the 12-team event. The All-Stars lost to Ashford in the tournament opener, but then defeated Luverne before being

ousted by the Dothan Americans. The "12 and Under" All-Stars competed in Troy and claimed two wins before being ousted. The All-Stars fell to Dothan National Blue in their opening game, but returned to defeat Opp and Greenville, before falling to Geneva.

The "14 and Under" All-Stars competed in Abbeville and lost two straight games to Troy and the Dothan Americans.

BABE RUTH BASEBALL District 8 Tournament			
13-Year-Olds		Opp, Alabama	
Thursday, June 25	6:30 - Elba vs. Opp		
Friday, June 26	5:30 - Elba-Opp winner vs. Andalusia		
8:00 - Elba-Opp loser vs. loser of 5:30 game			
Saturday, June 27	5:30 - Winner of Friday 5:30 game vs. winner of Friday 8:00 game		
8:00 - If needed			

All-Star Sports & Graphics wins Men's Softball crown

The Elba Men's Softball League ended its season last week with All-Star Sports and Graphics claiming the league title with an 11-5 record. The Elba Merchants placed second with an identical 11-5 record, due to a tie-breaker, while the rest of the standings showed Johnson Farms 10-6, Nalley's 6-8 and Elba Athletics 1-14.

Following are last week's highlights:

ELBA A'S 10 NALLEY'S 9
The Elba Athletics claimed their first win of the season in their last game of the season as they edged Nalley's 10-9.

Bowie and Fletcher both got 3 hits for the A's, while Ready, Jones, Funches and Granger all added 2. Keith Ward, Michael Walden, Richie Rugg, Phil Rugg, Danny Nalley, Billy Mitchell, D. Bush and B. Johnson all got 2 hits for Nalley's.

The "14 and Under" All-Stars competed in Abbeville and lost two straight games to Troy and the Dothan Americans.

MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS			
ALL-STAR SPORTS	11	5	0
ELBA MERCHANTS	11	5	0
JOHNSON FARMS	10	6	0
NALLEY'S	6	9	0
ELBA A'S	1	14	0

Leisure swimming offered at ESJC's indoor pool

A fun way to cool off this summer is Enterprise State Junior College's Olympic-sized indoor pool. ESJC's Special Interest Department offers Leisure Swimming as an opportunity for interested persons to maintain fitness through swimming and to have some cool, refreshing fun. Leisure Swimming is open only to people who already have swimming skills. The pool will be available for approximately 21 hours per week. Tentative hours are 1:30-4:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 1:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Fridays; and 6:00-8:00 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays. There is no registration deadline and individual fees are \$25.00 with family memberships at \$40.00. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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Cubs take Babe Ruth title

The Cubs and Rangers staged week in the season finale of the Elba Babe Ruth Baseball League

BABE RUTH BASEBALL FINAL STANDINGS			
CUBS	13	3	0
RANGERS	9	4	0
RED SOX	5	7	0
MARINERS	5	9	0
MARLINS	2	11	0

Blue Jays finish 9-2 to take Dixie Youth crown

The Blue Jays closed the season with a winning streak to claim the Dixie Youth Baseball League title. The Jays finished the season with a 9-2 record to claim the crown, and were followed in order by the Indians 10-4, Expos 6-5, White Sox 5-9, Twins 4-7 and Giants 2-9.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

BLUE JAYS 10 GIANTS 6

The Blue Jays jumped out to an early 6-1 lead and held on to dump the Giants 10-6.

The Jays trailed 1-0 after two innings, but by the top of the fifth had grabbed a 10-1 advantage, and easily held on for the win.

Dale Moore got 3 hits, including a home-run, to spark the Blue Jays, while Randall Brunsom added 2 hits. Steve Knight and Adam Sutley both got 2 hits for the Giants.

INDIANS 14 EXPOS 6

The Indians led all the way to rip the Expos 14-6.

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INDIANS	10	4	0
EXPOS	6	5	0
WHITE SOX	5	9	0
TWINS	4	7	0
GIANTS	2	9	0

Phillies post 12-1 record to win Dixie Minor title

The Dixie Minor Baseball League season ended last week with the Phillies taking the league title with a 12-1 record.

The Brewers placed second with a 6-5 mark, followed by the Braves 7-5, Yankees 2-8 and Astros 1-11.

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BRAVES 7 PHILLIES 4

The Braves pulled ahead late and held on to hand the Phillies their only loss of the season 7-4.

The score was knotted at 3-3 after three innings, but the Braves played 3 runs in the fourth to grab the lead and held on for the win.

Coby Capps got 3 hits for the Braves, while Mark Henderson got 2 hits for the Phillies.

BREWERS 18 ASTROS 4

The Brewers broke loose late to bury the Astros 18-4.

The score was knotted at 1-1 after two innings, but the Brewers pushed across 17 runs in the final three innings to claim the lopsided win.

Brandon Petty, Alan Cooper and Davis all got 2 hits for the Brewers, while Mitch Downing got the only Astros hit.

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Tennis lessons will be offered this summer by Bill "Wink" Morris, of Sanson, a member of the United States Professional Tennis Registry who has taught lessons

and after eight innings it was the Cubs that had claimed the win, and the 1995 league championship.

The Cubs won the title with a final record of 12-1, followed by the Rangers 9-4, Red Sox 7-7, Mariners 5-9 and Marlins 2-11.

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MARINERS 12 RED SOX 5

The Mariners scored in every inning to ease past the Red Sox 12-5.

The Mariners held a slim 4-3 lead in the second inning, but never quit scoring and pulled away with the win.

Jerod Simmons got 3 hits to lead the Mariners, while Lee Flowers scored 3 runs. Jerry Dubose got the only hit for the Red Sox.

CUBS 9 RANGERS 4

The Cubs pushed across the winning run in the top of the eighth inning to claim the league title with a 5-4 win over the Rangers.

The Rangers had scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to pull even at 4-4, but watched as the Cubs scored in the eighth to pull out the win.

Wade Parker and Josh Lawford both got 2 hits for the Cubs, while Garrett Boutwell got 2 hits for the Rangers.

EXPOS 11 WHITE SOX 5

The Expos pulled into an early lead and held on to rip the White Sox 11-5.

The Expos owned a 5-0 lead after one inning and cruised to the win.

Rusty Hutto got 3 hits, including a home-run, to lead the Expos, while Jeremy Meeks added 2. Clay Sutley got 3 hits for the Sox and Jimbo Cook added 2.

INDIANS 20 TWINS 13

The Indians exploded early to grab a big lead and held on to out-score the Twins 20-13.

The Indians jumped out to a quick 14-1 lead and turned back late Twins charges to claim the win.

Austin Harris and Jason Caradine both got 4 hits for the Indians, while Randy Danford and Matt Windham added 2 apiece.

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Fertilizing ponds is critical to fish size

By Stan Windham, County Agent

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One of the easiest ways to insure a balanced food chain in your pond is to be on a good fertilizer schedule.

One of the easiest ways to check to see how bad your fish pond needs to be fertilized is to attach something shiny, like a mason jar lid, to a yard stick at about an 18-inch depth. Put this yard stick into the water, and if you can view this shiny object fairly clearly at 18 inches, then you are in need of some fertilization.

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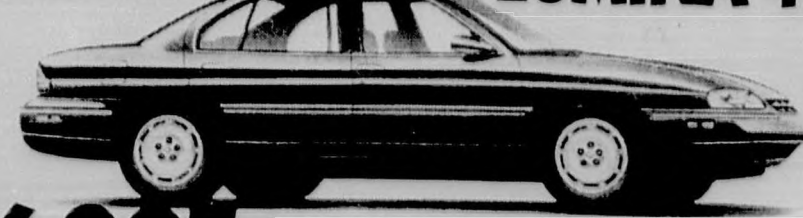
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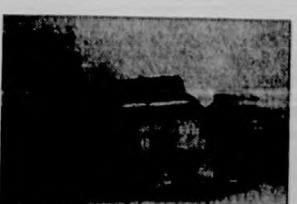
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